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SUBJECT: ASAD PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENTS ON UNDOF

RENEWAL AND GOLAN NEGOTIATIONS

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- 1. PRESIDENT ASAD USED OCCASION OF PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING FRANGIE DEPARTURE FEB 7 TO RESTATE SYRIAN POSITION TOWARD UNDOF RENEWAL IN MAY, ASAD REVEALED NOTHING SPECIFIC ABOUT SYRIAN INTENTIONS BUT INSTEAD RECALLED GAINS ACHIEVED BY PLO AT RECENT SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION WHICH MET AS RESULT OF SYRIAN INIATIVE LINKED TO PREVIOUS UNDOF RENEWAL.
- 2. ASAD FURTHER STATED THAT HE HAD "NO INFORMATION" CONCERNING "RUMORS" THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER INTENDED VISIT ME SOON.
- 3. HE INDICATED THAT SYRIAN STANCE TOWARD FURTHER GOLAN NEGOTIATIONS HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE HIS OCT 6, 1975 SPEECH. IN REPLY TO QUERY WHETHER FURTHER GOLAN STEP LIKELY, HE COMMENTED "NO. WE HAVE ANNOUNCED OUR POSITION. SUCH A STEP UNCLASSIFIED

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COULD BE ACCEPTED IN (ONLY) ONE CASE, AS I SPECIFIED IN OCT 6

SPEECH, WHEN THERE WOULD BE A SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN STEP. THIS,
NATURALLY, IS NOT EXPECTED."
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